

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The disclosure has been amended as follows, to bring it into conformity with MPEP 608.01 (b) C:

The Abstract has been deleted and replaced by

---Clamping means which may be used with soldering pliers, having a first element (18) and a second element (20) relatively displaceable by the action of a screw (10) that can be rotated about an axis (XX) by the action of a motor (M); a nut (12) cooperating with the screw (10) and which can be driven in the direction of the screw axis (XX), the screw being coupled to the first element (18); first guiding means (34L) defining linear guidance parallel to the axis (XX) of the screw to prevent rotation of the nut (12) in a first phase of displacement of the nut; and second helicoidal guiding means (34H) extending with the axis (XX) of the screw (12) and which has an thread inverted in relation to the screw thread to allow the nut (12) to rotate in the same direction of rotation as the screw (10) in a second nut displacement phase; in addition to a compensation system (46) arranged between the first element (18) and a mobile support (14) coupled to the nut (12) in order to reinitialize the position of the first element (18) in relation to the second element (20).---

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